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Mr. Don Bohning

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Dear Mr. Bohning:

On 29 January 2010, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 21 January 2010 letter wherein you agreed to pay fees as a requester in the "commercial" category regarding your 2 February 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records on Joaquin Sanjenis, Joaquin Sanjenis Perdomo, and Operation 40. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter. We note your commitment to pay \$250.

This letter also acknowledges receipt of your check number 3442, dated 20 January 2010, for \$13.50. This fee covers the cost of material we sent to you on 20 August 2009, responding to your 2 February 2009 Freedom of Information Act request for documents/records pertaining to Joaquin Sanjenis, Joaquin Sanjenis Perdomo, and Operation 40. We credited your account in full and thank you for your prompt payment.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

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Information and Privacy Coordinator